



As construction of Orange Coast College's Professional Mariner Training Center nears completion, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees approved a new name for the College's Newport Beach facilities at an April 7 meeting: the Orange Coast College Waterfront Campus.

Previously named the Intercollegiate Rowing and Sailing



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Orange Coast College's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society chapter received several recognition awards in early April at the organization's annual convention. OCC's Beta Mu Alpha chapter took home three Hallmark Awards, including a Distinguished Honors In Action Project award and a Distinguished Officer Team award. OCC's PTK chapter also was recognized as a being among the organization's "Top 100 Chapters" out of nearly 1,300 chapters internationally.

"I'm so proud of our PTK chapter that I can't put into

and patrons, and social distancing of 6 feet or more must be observed. In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, all materials, including donated materials, must be sorted before the Recycling Center receives them, including bottle caps removed from all bottles. Additional safety measures include the availability of hand sanitizer for customer use and sanitation procedures for high-touch surfaces.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring back this vital recycling resource for our local community members,” says OCC President Angelica Suarez. “OCC is committed to safely re-opening our facilities in accordance with local, state and federal health guidelines. We know the demand to re-open the Recycling Center is high, and we look forward to providing this service to our community once again.”

OCC’s Recycling Center was rebuilt in 2017, expanding on a popular community resource that first opened in 1970. In addition to more square footage, the new Recycling Center includes classroom space, increased parking, and men’s and women’s shower facilities to encourage employees to commute by bicycle. The Center also includes planter beds and composting containers.

Before the Recycling Center closed in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility was processing approximately 60,000 aluminum cans per day, and 20 tons of glass bottles per week. The Center also processed approximately 1,000 tons of paper per year.

In July 2019, OCC’s Recycling Center became the first facility in the world to achieve LEED Gold certification, Sustainable SITES Initiative (SITES) v2 certification, and TRUE Zero Waste certification. This unprecedented milestone pays homage to OCC’s commitment to sustainable practices on and off campus.

The Recycling Center is funded by OCC’s Associated Students, and students play a large role in developing the Center’s strategic vision.



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Orange Coast College's Assistant Director of the Global Engagement Center Kris Toribio is the first community-college representative, as well as the first Filipino-American, Asian and Pacific Islander to be elected as president in the